

## Gray & Young Group

Group leaders **Judi & Brendon Gray plus Allan Young**

Photographer **Judi Gray (Nielsen Park)**

- (1) **Tawny frogmouth**, (*Podargus strigoides*) (in flight)
- (3) **Laughing Kookaburras**, (*Dacelo novaeguineae*)
- (2) **Galahs**, (*Eolophus roseicapilla*) (emerging from a tree hollow)
- (1) **Southern Boobook 'Mopoke' owl**, (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*) (heard but not seen)
- (11) **Brushtail possums**, (*Trichosurus vulpecular*)  
(including three juveniles on mother's backs)
- (1) **Red-necked Wallaby**, (*Macropus rufogriseus*)
- (3) **Flying Foxes**, (*seen but the species could not be identified*)
- (1) **Microbat**, (*seen but the species could not be identified*)



*Brushtail possum & juvenile on mother's back*



*The brushtail possum juvenile on mother's back*



*Another brushtail possum and juvenile*



*Red-necked Wallaby*

Brendon and I also previously hosted a night spotlighting tour at our place near Highfields earlier in the year when all of the gum trees were in flower and many gliders were seen along with birds, frogs, etc.

The night-time spotlighting we did at home with the group was in February this year at a time when the trees were loaded with eucalyptus flowers – we had seen the gliders every night so were confident that if we invited people they wouldn't be disappointed. (Sometimes you can walk around all night and not see anything.)

See our blogspot for more information.

[jarowairourpatch.blogspot.com.au/2014/02/bird-observers-come-for-glider-spotting.html](http://jarowairourpatch.blogspot.com.au/2014/02/bird-observers-come-for-glider-spotting.html)

We enjoyed it and will do another one when the flowers are in bloom again. We will let your group know in case anyone in the group is interested at that time.

**Judi Gray**

[beyonourpatch.blogspot.com.au/2014/09/nielsen-park-on-fathers-day.html](http://beyonourpatch.blogspot.com.au/2014/09/nielsen-park-on-fathers-day.html)



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## Spotlight Update Nielsen Park

20<sup>th</sup> September 2014

6pm to 8pm

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### Wildlife Spotlight Tour

The Wildlife Spotlight Tour went quite well. After a warm wind free day which included the Carnival of Flowers Parade, the evening turned cool, cloudy and windy. This cool breeze was likely to keep any gliders securely tucked away in their tree hollows for the night.

The tour kicked off at 6pm just as it got dark. We split up into four different groups to explore the tracks around Nielsen Park.

We found that the middle tracks and the western side of the park provide good wind protection as the breeze was coming in from the north east.



Ringtail possum

To locate the animals a good head lamp managed to illuminate the eyes as they reflected back to the wearer. Once the eyes were spotted then the spotlight could be used to see and identify the animals.

### Total Species Spotted

Wildlife Spotlight Tour, Nielsen Park, Friday, 20/09/2014 from 6pm

Tawny frogmouth, (*Podargus strigoides*)

Laughing Kookaburras, (*Dacelo novaeguineae*)

Galahs, (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)

Southern Boobook 'Mopoke' owl, (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)

Noisy Friarbird, (*Philemon corniculatus*) (also called leatherheads)

Flying Foxes, (*not identified*)

Microbat, (*not identified*)

Brushtail possums, (*Trichosurus vulpecular*)

Ringtail possums, (*Pseudocheirus peregrinused*)

Red-necked Wallaby, (*Macropus rufogriseus*)

Brown Hare, (*Lepus europaeus*)



Noisy Friarbird

### Henderson Group

Group leader **Max Henderson**

(1) Tawny frogmouth, (*Podargus strigoides*)

(2) Laughing Kookaburras, (*Dacelo novaeguineae*)

(1) Galah (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)

(1) Southern Boobook 'Mopoke' owl, (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)

(3) Brushtail possums, (*Trichosurus vulpecular*)

(3) Ringtail possums, (*Pseudocheirus peregrinused*)

## Sharp Group

Group leader & photographer **Geoff Sharp**

- (1) Tawny frogmouth, (*Podargus strigoides*) (in Bunya Pine tree)
- (1) Galah, (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)
- (1) Southern Boobook 'Mopoke' owl, (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)
- (8) Brushtail possums, (*Trichosurus vulpecular*)
- (1) Ringtail possum, (*Pseudocheirus peregrinused*)
- (1) Brown Hare, (*Lepus europaeus*)



*Tawny frogmouth in Bunya Pine tree*



*A very lucky spider from image above*

⇐ *Southern Boobook 'Mopoke' owl high up in a tree*

## **Brodrribb Group**

Group leader **Rob Brodrribb**

- (2) **Laughing Kookaburras**, (*Dacelo novaeguineae*)
- (1) **Galah**, (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)
- (8) **Brushtail possums**, (*Trichosurus vulpecular*)
- (1) **Ringtail possum**, (*Pseudocheirus peregrinused*)
- (1) **Noisy Friarbird**, (*Philemon corniculatus*) (also called leatherheads)



***Echidna Tachyglossidae***

Another resident of Nielsen Park photographed before the Wildlife Spotlight Tour.

Images **Rob Brodrribb**